

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended) A packet of stacked absorbent paper tissues, comprising:

a stack of absorbent paper tissues forming a tissue stack;

a wrapper formed of a flexible wrapping sheet configured to wrap the tissue stack; and

an opening part within the wrapper to, when open, provide a an uncovered region for grasping at least one tissue from the tissue stack,

the wrapper and tissue stack having a parallelepiped overall shape defined by a height, width, and a thickness,

the height and width being equal so that the packet has a square front face and a square rear face,

each tissue of the tissue stack being folded in a square of sixteen layers of ~~absorbent paper~~ equal areas within the tissue,

each tissue having three fold lines defining four panels of approximately equal width, and two further fold lines orthogonal to the three fold lines,

the three fold lines and the two further fold lines defining sixteen equal areas within the tissue,

directions of folding of the panels with respect to outer fold lines of the three fold lines being mutually opposing to the direction of folding the panels with respect to the first fold line, so that the interior surface of the two outer panels is folded in an outwardly manner with respect to the two inner panels, and

directions of folding of the panels with respect to the two further fold lines being in succession about a first of the two fold lines and a second of the two fold lines.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The packet of claim 17 16, wherein the height and width of the wrapper and tissue stack are between 50 and 58 millimeters.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The packet of claim 17 16, wherein the opening part comprises a flap which can move between an open position uncovering the region for grasping and a closed position covering the region for grasping.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The packet of claim 18, wherein a surface of the region for grasping uncovered by the flap is between one third and one half of an area of a wrapper face comprising the opening part.

Claim 20 (previously presented) The packet of claim 19, wherein the flap is articulated about an axis approximately parallel to an edge of the packet.

Claim 21 (previously presented) The packet of claim 20 wherein the flap comprises a closure element configured to hold the flap in a closed position.

Claim 22 (previously presented) The packet of claim 21, wherein the closure element comprises an adhesive strip that can be repeatedly unstuck and stuck onto a fixed part of the wrapper.

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com

Claims 23 - 29 (withdrawn)

Claim 30 (previously presented) A packet of stacked absorbent paper tissues, comprising:

a stack of absorbent paper tissues forming a tissue stack;
a flexible wrapper configured to wrap all faces of the tissue stack; and
an opening part within the wrapper to, when open, provide an uncovered region for grasping at least one tissue from the tissue stack,
the wrapper and tissue stack having a parallelepiped overall shape defined by a square front face and a square rear face,
each tissue of the tissue stack being folded in a square of sixteen square areas,
each tissue having three fold lines defining four panels of approximately equal width, and two further fold lines orthogonal to the three fold lines,
the three fold lines and the two further fold lines defining the sixteen equal areas,
the panels being folded with respect to the three fold lines so as to form an M shape when viewed from an end of the tissue.

Claim 31 (currently amended) An absorbent tissue packet, comprising:

a tissue stack; and
a wrapper covering all faces of the tissue stack,
the wrapper and tissue stack having a square front face and a square rear face,
each tissue of the tissue stack having three fold lines defining four panels of approximately equal width, and two further fold lines orthogonal to the three fold lines,

Serial No.: 09/852,712
Atty. Dock t No.: 09159.0003 (formerly B-0692-US-PK/DO)

the three fold lines and the two further fold lines defining sixteen equal areas,
the panels being folded with respect to the three fold lines to form an M shaped
end view.

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com